5^ *May* TROUBLES OF LANCASHIRE MINISTERS

Certain ministers of Lancashire have petitioned Mr Secretary to write a letter on their behalf to the Bishop of Chester, who would compel them to wear the cope, surplice and tippet, or put them out of their livings and forbid them to preach any more These men take great pains in converting of papists to the true religion and have profited greatly these four years , and although they know that religion is not tied to any apparel, yet they hold that if they should wear such apparel, as they have much spoken against it, would be a great stumbling block to the converted, insomuch that some of them declare that they would sooner leave liberty and life too

jth May HARSH MEASURES BY THE LORD MAYOR

Of late one Captain Allen, undertaking to raise a company of 200 men, brought out of the country many gallant men and some of good ability, and the rest were taken up in London, all being ranged under Allen's colour waiting transport Meantime the Lord Mayor, having warrant for his pressing of men, took many of Captain Allen's soldiers out of their lodgings and beds and sent them avvay, and refused either to deliver them or supply them by others

Sth May THE EARL OF NORTHUMBERLAND AND SIR F VERE.

There hath been great quarrelling between my Lord of Northumberland and Sir Francis Vere, insomuch that my Lord sent Captain Whitlocke with a letter to Sir Francis that, if all were true he had heard, he had wronged him in such and such points, and therefore desired to be satisfied, wishing him to take his horse and bring one with him, as he of his honour would do the like, and meet him where he

should appoint, willing him to send his determination, yea or no, by word of mouth and not by writing Sir Francis wrote an answer and sent it by Captain Ogle, which the Earl refused to receive The contents were that though he assured himself he could satisfy my Lord, yet he would not go about to satisfy any man that had his sword in his hand, but if they might meet in peaceable manner before any persons of state whom his Lorship would choose, he would give him reasonable satisfaction, otherwise let him take what course he would